



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2310

1. Project Title 2. Senate Sponsor 3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

On average, 22 Veterans/Active duty members commit suicide per day. At K9 Partners for Patriots, we are focused on eliminating veteran suicide through our service dog training program; focused on veterans with PTSD, TBI, and/or MST. One of the areas we are looking to expand to better serve our veterans is our mental health program. In order to fulfill that mission, we are looking to expand the support groups we currently offer for our veterans and their families with a focus on psycho-education groups. This will provide them with information & education regarding PTSD & focused on learning & developing skills to better assist in dealing with PTSD symptoms. With the expansion of our mental health services, using our current program analysis, we will see an overall improvement in the mental health, independence, and relationships of our veterans. We also believe that our veterans will see a significant decrease in suicidal ideation & behavior, negative alterations, & overall PTSD symptom

5. State Agency to receive requested funds State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	175,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	175,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	175,000	76%
Matching Funds		
Federal	55,000	24%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	230,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

We are actively approaching foundations and local community stakeholders that are focused on mental health regarding the funding of our mental health expansion.



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2310

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

\$74,000 of PPP loan for salaries. All funds were forgiven.

11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	\$120,000 to purchase literature print material, audio/visual component, license for material, and additional technology to expand the services and counseling of mental health groups and therapy for our veterans and their immediate family members (spouses, etc.)	120,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	\$55,000 to contract with an additional Licensed Clinical Social Worker to conduct group therapy classes and individual therapy sessions.	55,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		175,000

12. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

By initiating the expansion of mental health support groups focused on psycho-education, we expect to see an overall improvement in the mental health, independence, and relationships of our veterans. We also believe that our veterans will see a significant decrease in suicidal ideation and behaviors, negative alterations, and overall symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

With the funding of this initiative, we will be offering additional group and individual counseling sessions for our veterans and their immediate family members.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

With the funding of this initiative, we will be offering additional group and individual counseling sessions for our veterans and their immediate family members.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

With over 1.5 Million veterans calling Florida home, many of whom reside in the Greater Tampa Bay area, we are focused on being able to serve more veterans through our program. The target population is veterans and their immediate family members who are actively involved in our program. We can expect approximately 1000 individuals from across the state of Florida to be positively impacted by this initiative.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2310

be measured?

The expected benefit or outcome of this project is an overall improvement in the mental health, independence, and relationships of our veterans. We also believe our veterans will see a greater decrease in suicidal ideation and behaviors, negative alterations, and a decrease in overall Post Traumatic Stress Disorder symptoms. The methodology in which this outcome will be measured is through our pre and post analysis that is currently conducted at the start of the program, at the end of the program, 1 month, 3 month, and 6 months after the completion of the program. This assessment is a combination of the PTSD checklist for DSM-5 (PCL-5), PSI, QUIDS-SR, PANSI, ECR-RS, AUDIT-C, and Connor-Davidson Resiliency Scale. K9 Partners for Patriots in collaboration with researchers at the University of Central Florida shifted to an Online Qualtrics assessment tool July 2020 to fully gauge participant's outcomes.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

The suggested penalties that may occur for failing to meet deliverables would be the lack of being able to provide and expand the mental health services that we offer.

13. The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

n/a



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2310

14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- ☐ For Profit Entity
- ☒ Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- ☐ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number